

This listing of the pending claims 1-18 are listed below.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method for treating or ameliorating hypertension or high blood pressure in individuals in need thereof which is comprised of administering orally an effective amount of (-)-hydroxycitric acid.

Claim 2 (original): A method for treating or ameliorating hypertension or high blood pressure by lowering elevated insulin in individuals in need thereof which is comprised of administering orally an effective amount of (-)-hydroxycitric acid.

Claim 3 (original): A method for treating or ameliorating hypertension or high blood pressure by lowering elevated glucocorticoid levels in individuals in need thereof which is comprised of administering orally an effective amount of (-)-hydroxycitric acid.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the free acid or its lactone.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 1 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the alkali metal salts potassium or sodium (-)-hydroxycitrate.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the alkaline earth metal salts calcium or magnesium (-)-hydroxycitrate.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 1 where (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of a mixture the alkali metal salts and/or the alkaline earth metals of (-)-hydroxycitrate or some mixture of alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of (-)-hydroxycitrate or in the form of therapeutically effective amide and/or ester derivatives of (-)-hydroxycitric acid.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 1 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount as the free acid, its lactone or as one or more of the salts or other derivatives of the free acid and is delivered in a controlled release form.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 2 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the free acid or its lactone.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 2 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the alkali metal salts potassium or sodium (-)-hydroxycitrate.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 2 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the alkaline earth metal salts calcium or magnesium (-)-hydroxycitrate.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 2 where (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of a mixture the alkali metal salts and/or the alkaline earth metals of (-)-hydroxycitrate or some mixture of alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of (-)-hydroxycitrate or in the form of therapeutically effective amide and/or ester derivatives of (-)-hydroxycitric acid.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 2 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount as the free acid, its lactone or as one or more of the salts or other derivatives of the free acid and is delivered in a controlled release form.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 3 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the free acid or its lactone.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 3 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the alkali metal salts potassium or sodium (-)-hydroxycitrate.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 3 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of the alkaline earth metal salts calcium or magnesium (-)-hydroxycitrate.

Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 3 where (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount of a mixture the alkali metal salts and/or the alkaline earth metals of (-)-hydroxycitrate or some mixture of alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of (-)-hydroxycitrate or in the form of therapeutically effective amide and/or ester derivatives of (-)-hydroxycitric acid.

Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 3 where the (-)-hydroxycitric acid is supplied as a therapeutically effective amount as the free acid, its lactone or as one or more of the salts or other derivatives of the free acid and is delivered in a controlled release form.